Ronnie Soutar, Chairperson

Ronnie is the Chairperson of the Board, and is also a Director of Veterinary services at the University of Edinburgh. Ronnie's background includes the Royal Dick, Managing Partner of the Epona Veterinary Practice and Aquaculture Scotland.



Fiona Davis, Honorary Treasurer

Fiona is the Honorary Treasurer of the Board. Fiona's background is in Finance. Having trained as a chartered accountant in 1987, Fiona went on to hold various roles with the RBS. Fiona enjoys photography, animals, choral singing, organising charity events, theatre and eating out in her spare time.



Alan Biggar, Director

Alan has significant financial and managerial experience, and has been on the boards of a number of organisations with charitable status. He retired as head of Brewin Dolphin's Edinburgh office in January 2010. Alan is also the Scottish Patron of Teenage Cancer Trust. Alan's interest includes cars, sport, art and music.



Beverley Tricker, Director

Beverley's specialises in PR and marketing, and established Tricker PR Ltd in 2001. Since its establishment her company has won more than 35 industry awards. Beverley joined the Board in 2016, and in her spare time she enjoys spending time with her daughter, her cocker spaniel, dressmaking and time in the kitchen.



Carolyn McLeod, Director

A qualified solicitor, Carolyn has a breadth of experience in public sector leadership positions, the third sector, stakeholder engagement, performance management and governance. She also has volunteering roles and has broad experience of committee work. In her spare time, Carolyn enjoys spending time with her Lakeland Terrier.



Ian Turnbull, Director

lan is a solicitor and has been a partner in Edinburgh law firm Gillespie Macandrew for 35 years. As Managing Partner of his firm for 20 years he also brings his wider business and management experience to the board. Ian enjoys the outdoors and has a keen interest in wildlife. He is married to a farmer's daughter and has two grown up children.



Kathryn Peebles, Director

Kathy Peebles has over thirty years of experience working in livestock production and allied supply chain. She has worked for a Scottish Non Departmental Body for ten years. Kathy has also been a public speaker at agricultural events and scientific conferences on improving efficiency and welfare.



Melissa Donald, Director

Melissa is an experienced veterinary surgeon and practice owner, smallholding farmer and non-profit Director. Melissa enjoys a variety of leadership roles to help improve animal welfare and inspire the next generation Melissa has been involved with the Scottish Branch of the British Veterinary Association over the past 4 years, and held the post of Scottish Branch President. In her spare time, Melissa enjoys marathons.



Susan Johnstone, Director

Susan has served on the Board from 2001 to 2013 and re-joined in 2015. Susan works with the NHS in Lanarkshire. As a Branch Committee Member, Susan is actively involved in a variety of fundraising events on behalf of the Society and the promotion of the aims of the Society.



Victoria Simpson, Director

Victoria joined the Board in 2005. Victoria is a Solicitor who specialises in all aspects of charity law/ charity tax and private client issues. She is a regular speaker, writer and commentator on charity law and charity tax issues. In her spare time, Victoria enjoys the outdoors, walking Scottish hills and playing the oboe.

